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In the Title

The title of the patent application has been amended as follows.

~~A SYSTEM AND METHOD~~ CROSSPOINT SWITCH FOR SWITCHING ENCODED SIGNALS
~~OVER TWISTED PAIR~~ CARRIED ON UNSHIELDED WIRES

In the Specification

A paragraph beginning on page 7 in line 15 has been amended as follows.

~~A method and system for switching signals over
conductors is disclosed. The method and system comprises
a plurality of encoders for receiving signals from a~~

~~plurality of sources. The system further comprises a~~
crosspoint switching matrix is adapted for switching to
at least one receiver selected from a plurality of
receivers one encoded signal from among a plurality of
encoded signals received from a plurality of encoders.
Each encoder is adapted for:

1. concurrently receiving a plurality of baseband
signals from specific sources included among a
plurality of sources; and
2. producing from the received signals a single
encoded signal.

Each receiver is adapted for:

1. receiving the encoded signal;
2. decoding the encoded signal back into baseband
format; and
3. providing a set of outputs corresponding to
the baseband signals encoded into the received
signal.

The crosspoint switching matrix ~~means for~~ includes
a plurality of input nodes, each input node being adapted
for accepting the encoded electronic signal produced by
one of the encoders. The crosspoint switching matrix is
capable of accepting the electronic signal from encoders
which are directly coupled to the input node of the
crosspoint switching matrix via a conductor, including an
unshielded cable such as a twisted pair cable, which is

external to the crosspoint switching matrix. The crosspoint switching matrix also includes a plurality of output nodes, each output node being adapted for supplying receivers with encoded signals accepted by the input nodes. The crosspoint switching matrix is capable of supplying the electronic signal to receivers directly coupled to output nodes via a conductor, including an unshielded cable such as a twisted pair cable, which is external to the crosspoint switching matrix.

In an alternative embodiment the crosspoint switching matrix also includes a control system coupled to the crosspoint switching matrix. The control system is adapted for routing control signals from a remote control input to at least one source of baseband signals received by the encoders. The control signals travel from the remote control input in a direction opposite to a direction in which encoded signals travel from the crosspoint switching matrix to receivers. In this way the crosspoint switching matrix is adapted for concurrently:

1. receiving encoded signals from the plurality of encoders and for;
2. providing ~~decoded~~ signals received from the encoders to a plurality of receivers. The crosspoint switching matrix means in a pre-

- ~~ferred embodiment includes a control system for controlling multiple remote receivers; and~~
3. supplying control signals received from a remote control input to a source of baseband signals.

In the Abstract

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as follows.

~~A method and system for switching signals over conductors is disclosed. The method and system comprises~~
crosspoint switching matrix receives signals via unshielded cables from a plurality of encoders for receiving signals from a plurality of sources. The system further comprises a crosspoint switching matrix means for receiving encoded signals from the plurality of encoders and for providing decoded signals, and directs the signals via unshielded cables to a plurality of receivers. The
Each encoder receives a plurality of baseband signals for encoding into a single encoded signal. Each receiver decodes the encoded signal from the crosspoint switching matrix means
~~in a preferred embodiment includes a control system for controlling multiple remote receivers to baseband format, and provides a set of outputs corresponding to the baseband signals.~~